

Texas, the Committee on the Judiciary, I rise in strong and enthusiastic support of H.R. 2420, the "National Museum for the American Latino," which the newest museum of the Smithsonian Institute.

The United States is a symbol of democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity around the world, and the legacy of Latinos is deeply rooted in the very fabric of the history, democracy, freedom, and economic opportunity of the United States.

As hard as it is to imagine, currently there exists no national museum within the Smithsonian Institution that is devoted to the documentation and explication of Latino life, art, history, and culture.

This legislation rectifies this regrettable situation.

The major purpose of the Museum is to illuminate the story of Latinos in the history of the United States for the benefit of all by featuring Latino contributions.

Another important purpose of the museum is to provide for the collection, study, research, publication, and establishment of exhibitions and programs relating to Latino life, art, history, and culture.

That life, art, history, and culture encompasses Latino contributions in the early history of what now encompasses the United States of America and its territories.

Madam Speaker, Latino contributions in the armed services date from the earliest days of the American Revolution to current military activities in defense of our freedoms.

The National Museum of the American Latino will also document and preserve the history of Latino contributions to the freedom, well-being, and economic prosperity of all people in the United States through historical movements, entrepreneurial and charitable activities of Latinos; as well as contributions by Latinos to the social, natural, and physical sciences; and art, history, and culture, including food, music, dance, film, theater, sports, and other forms of popular culture in the United States.

Finally, the Museum will collaborate with research centers of the Smithsonian Institution, and other museums and educational institutions throughout the United States and abroad, to promote the study and appreciation of Latino life, art, history, culture, and its impact on society in the United States.

Madam Speaker, I am proud that Texas is generally regarded as the most Hispanic state in America, and Texas is rich with the history of Latinos in America.

The state of Texas is 39.2 percent Hispanic, which is 22.47 percent more Hispanic than it was in 2010, and there are six cities along the Texas/Mexico border where the population is effectively 100 percent Hispanic, including Hidalgo, Texas.

The Hispanic population in my home city of Houston is 44 percent; corresponding numbers are 42 percent in Dallas, 80 percent in El Paso.

According to the 2010 census, in Texas, Hispanics accounted for nearly half of all births.

Finally, Madam Speaker, the establishment of the National Museum of the American Latino will be consistent with the purposes of the Smithsonian Institution, created by Congress in 1846, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge."

I urge all Members to vote for H.R. 2420, the National Museum for the American Latino Act.

REMEMBERING EVELYN CARSON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, Evelyn S. (Edwards) Carson, better known to her friends and neighbors in New Bern as Evelyn Edwards, died peacefully at her home in Greenwich, CT, on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Carson, until her retirement from Civil Service, was a budget analyst at NARF, located at the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, NC. Evelyn was the widow of her childhood sweetheart, Henry Walton Edwards who was the father of her only child, Linda Edwards McMahon. She subsequently married John Carson and was also his widow. Mrs. Carson moved to Connecticut to be closer to Linda and her husband Vince, their two children, Shane, his wife Marissa; Stephanie and her husband, Paul. She was either at the hospital or there within minutes when all six of her great-grandchildren were born. Mrs. Carson was 93 years of age and by all accounts of everyone who knew her, lived her life to the fullest and urged everyone to do the same.

In addition to her immediate family, Mrs. Carson is survived by her brother Lawrence Strickland of Virginia Beach, VA, and sister, Cindy McHone of Knoxville, TN, and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made in Evelyn's Memory to The Connor's Cure Fund, c/o Children's Hospital Foundation, 4401 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224 or at givetochildren.org/donate.

Visitation was held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Cotten Funeral Home, followed by Her funeral service at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel. Burial followed Greenleaf Memorial Park.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's record.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

AUGUST 4

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of John E. Whitley, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Shon J. Manasco, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, and Michele A. Pearce, of Virginia, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Army, all of the Department of Defense, and Liam P. Hardy, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

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10 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine Venezuela, focusing on security and humanitarian situation.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the findings and recommendations of the Cyberspace Solarium Commission.

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on the Constitution

To hold hearings to examine the right of the people peaceably to assemble, focusing on protecting speech by stopping violence.

SD-562

AUGUST 5

10 a.m.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Trade Commission.

SR-253

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine Federal and industry efforts to improve cybersecurity for the energy sector, focusing on how to improve collaboration on various cybersecurity and critical infrastructure protection initiatives.

SD-366

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine an original bill entitled, "American Nuclear Infrastructure Act of 2020".

SD-106

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Crossfire Hurricane investigation.

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AUGUST 6

9 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Jason Abend, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Bradley D. Hansell, of Virginia, to be a Deputy Under Secretary, Lucas N. Polakowski, of Virginia, and Louis W. Bremer, of Connecticut, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

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